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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
KENSAKU KOMATSU ET AL : GROUP ART UNIT: 1723
SERIAL NO.: 09/884,084 :
FILED: JUNE 20, 2001 : EXAMINER: FORTUNA, ANA M.
FOR: POROUS HOLLOW FIBER :
MEMBRANES AND METHOD OF :
MAKING THE SAME :

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2002, the period for response having been extended to August 24, 2002, by a Request for Extension of Time filed herewith, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows.

1. (Amended) A porous hollow fiber membrane obtained by a method comprising
preparing a spinning dope containing microparticles;
forming said hollow fiber membrane from said spinning dope according to a dry-wet
spinning method or a wet spinning method to obtain a spun hollow fiber membrane; and
extracting and removing said microparticles by immersing said spun hollow fiber
membrane into an extracting solution;